

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



November 15, 2015

*Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

*"Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."*

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:30 am
11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:00 am, Chapel
Saturday 8:00 am, Church

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary following 8:00 Mass
Rosary at noon on Wednesday
Tuesday after Mass-
Perpetual Help devotions
Thursday after Mass-
Respect Life prayers
Friday at 11:30 am- Chaplet of
Divine Mercy and Benediction

Reconciliation

Wednesday in church, 7:00 pm
Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism

Contact the parish office to register for Baptism class and to arrange for the Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph Chapel is open for adoration 24 hours daily from Monday after Mass to Friday benediction. **Code: 145**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Welcome!



Religious Education

Parish School of Religion (Grades 1 through 8)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May on Sundays during the 9:30 am Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 am and 6:10 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 15

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 16

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, trailer

7:00 pm

Bell choir rehearsal, church

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:00 pm

Crossroads for young adults;

contact Julie Lassiter, julie.r.lassiter@gmail.com

Legion of Mary, St. Gianna

Children's Choir, church

Knights of Columbus;

begins with Mass in the chapel

Wednesday, November 18

8:45 am

Sunday scripture Bible study, Weber Hall

6:00 pm

PSR, Founders Hall, Weber Hall

6:10 pm

Adult Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, church

Thursday, November 19

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

RCIA classes, Weber Hall

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal, church

Friday, November 20

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, November 21

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

Scouting for Food Collection is today.

JOIN THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 2015



Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 14

8:00 am Sinopole Family
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am Bettegene King +
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
Carol S. Smith +
11:15 am Dorothy Eccardt +
Harriett L. Rhodes +

Monday, November 16

8:00 am Jim Weiskopf +

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Mary Berfanger +
7:00 pm Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +
All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 19

8:00 am Antonio Dragone
Catherine Edelen

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Sallie Ferguson +
Gerrie Bader +

Saturday, November 21

8:00 am All Souls Intentions
4:00 pm Jack and Pearl Hackett +

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Walt Ketts +
11:15 am Roger and Vicky Brink

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

SAINTS

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and
Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
Cub Pack Wesley Brandhorst; 636-327-0531
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Venture Crew Dana Hoffman; 636-734-8423

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636-398-5270

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Quilters Eleanor Sadlo
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St. Vincent DePaul For information or assistance,
call 636-398-5270, ex. 225

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Then the Son of Man will appear, coming....with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other. MARK 13:26-27

The book *More Future Stuff* by Malcolm Abrams and Harriet Bernstein gazes into a "crystal ball" and identifies experimental products that experts think may find their way into future markets- a Volkswagen that parks itself, a computer that talks you through unfamiliar neighborhoods, a powder produced from fruit dehydrated by sound waves. Suppose I gazed into a "crystal ball" and saw that the world was going to end tomorrow at 6:00 P.M. What would I do between now and then?

O Lord,... a thousand years to you are like yesterday, already gone, like a short hour in the night. Teach us how short our life is, so that we may become wise.

PSALM 90:1,4, 12

New Melle Milestone

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday a vital member of our New Melle community retires from years of shepherding his flock and serving Our Lord. I invite you to join me in prayer as we ask God's blessing upon Pastor Devin Jones of St. John's U. C. C. Today (November 15) marks his retirement from forty-three years of shepherding in New Melle.

I find that milestone to be astounding. One rarely hears of pastors remaining in a community for so many years. It is a testimony to Devin's character that he is so rooted in our community. I have found him to be a joyful and delightful man of faith. Devin combines a natural gentleness with an energetic enthusiasm. I can't imagine anyone not enjoying his company.

As we pray for Pastor Devin Jones I think there are a number of things we can lift up to God as the content of our prayer.

- ◇ First of all, let us offer prayers of gratitude for his ministry and the way he reveals the hidden face of our Savior to us. For those of you who have known Pastor Jones for years, your gratitude should be shaped by the shared memories and experiences of knowing Devin as a dear neighbor. Reflect on those moments, and if you have time drop by his reception today to share some of those memories. If you don't have time to do that, consider writing him a simple letter, postcard or e-mail sharing the memory and the gratitude associated with it.
- ◇ Pray for Devin and his wife Marilyn during this time of transition. While they are remaining in our community, stepping down from a relationship and a role that has defined your life is never easy. As priests we can reasonably expect to move multiple times in our ministry and most moves are not easy. If one really strives to be a spiritual father to their community, saying good-bye to that community is difficult.
- ◇ Pray for Pastor Jones in his retirement. I think of retirement as a rather curious reality in our culture. We often strive to reach retirement, to make it to the end when we can finally relax a bit more and perhaps pursue other interest in life. But many people have a difficult transition in retirement. I suppose some never realized how much their work/job defined them and in the absence of that definition they have to rediscover themselves. It seems that one of the fatal mistakes people can do in retirement is nothing. If you ask around, I imagine that many of us would know someone who choose to do "nothing" in their retirement and their health or even life suffered for it. I am not worried about Devin; he is too engaged in life to choose to do nothing. But it will be another chapter of self-discovery.

I hope you can stop by St. John's sometime between 4:00 and 7:00 today to celebrate his faithful ministry and the gift that he has been to our New Melle Community.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Dear PSR Parents and Guardians:

We gave out empty "Boxes of Joy" to all PSR students two weeks ago. The deadline to turn the boxes in is TODAY, Sunday, November 15th. Thanks to all who helped share the joy of Christmas with other children in Guatemala and Haiti where Cross Catholic Outreach is presenting this program. For more info, visit <http://www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy>



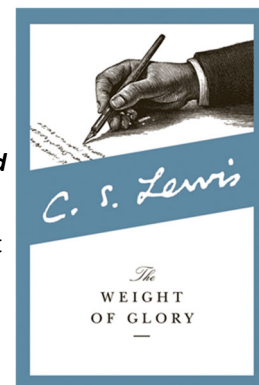
A C.S. Lewis Quote for the Fridge or Mirror

This weekend's first reading from Daniel 12:2-3:

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

It brings to mind a famous quote from C.S. Lewis in a sermon he once gave called "The Weight of Glory." It is one of the most beautiful that came from his pen and is worth reading on a regular basis.

"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you may talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and corruption such as you now meet if at all only in a nightmare. All day long we are in some degree helping each other to one or the other of these destinations. It is in light of these overwhelming possibilities it is with awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations – these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit – immortal horrors or everlasting splendours. ...Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses. If he is your Christian neighbour, he is holy in almost the same way, for in him also Christ vere latitat [truly hides], the glorifier and the glorified, Glory Himself, is truly hidden."



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Liturgy of the Hours

Have you ever considered praying the Liturgy of the Hours? "The Liturgy of the Hours, which is the public and common prayer of the Church, is the prayer of Christ with His Body, the Church." It is composed mainly of psalms, other biblical texts, and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters (*Compendium*, 243). Members of the clergy often pray from the 4-volume set, while the 1-volume Christian Prayer is more common for the laity. Texts can also be found at universalis.com. archstl.org/dynamic

Please note: It is getting much more difficult to find a priest to cover Masses when Father Tom is away. Recently we had made arrangements only to be notified on Sunday that the Monsignor had a conflict and would not be able to be here. **With that in mind, we have decided to adjust the time for the remaining Parish Missionary Disciples class dates. ONLY on the following dates we will have Mass at 7:30 instead of 8:00: Tuesday, December 15; Thursday, January 14; Thursday, February 11; Wednesday, March 9**

Do you have some time to help decorate the church for Christmas?

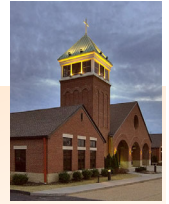
If so, keep these dates and times open:

- ⇒ On Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 am, the wreaths will be prepped in the Sausage Sales area.
- ⇒ On Sunday, December 20 at 12:30 pm, the main body of the church and narthex will be decorated.
- ⇒ We can always use more hands for these projects! There are sign up sheets in the narthex, or you can call Nancy at 636- 357- 3456 and let her know you're available.





NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

Nov. 15, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Carol Harvell

The collection figures for Sunday, Nov. 8

General Offertory: \$8,051.65

Online-General Offering: \$4,377.00

Total: \$12,428.65

Thank you for your generosity!

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction campaign title. Pink debt reduction envelopes are included in the monthly envelope mailing.

There are options for giving. Use weekly envelopes or check out On-Line giving at www.ihm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the pantry: detergent, bleach, sugar, razors, shave cream, spaghetti sauce, tuna, applesauce

Photographs

Parishioners who had their free 8x10's mailed to the church will find them in a basket in the narthex. Please find yours and take it home.

IHM Knights of Columbus

The Catholic Church remembers the dead in a special way during the month of November. When you pray for your deceased family members and friends, please remember the parishioners who have gone before us. We have been asked by the Knights of Columbus to especially remember these deceased:

Douglas T. Goodman	John (Jack) Meixner
George D. Keller	Dennis Schipper
James T. Kierns	John Schultz
Francis A. Messig	John Bax
August C. Molitor, Jr.	Fred Schellert
Gary L. Nichols	Larry Graflage
Paul M. Reist	Edward Szostek
Edward H. Reuther	Joseph Sinopole
Harold R. Robor	Floyd Blair
James W. Wolf	

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

There will be a Mass in the chapel for these deceased and their families at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the chapel.

**For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.**

...a time to die...

Please pray for the recently deceased

Robert Shea, Brother of Mary and John Hofman.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Shirley Sims
Patricia Prongue	Cy and Catherine Bamert
Patricia Rudolf	Lisa Clark
Shirley McDonald	Tammy Boyd
Ann Fitzgerald	Larry Hanna
Susan Van Booven	Terry Hagan
Terri Guernsey	Dave Gentry
Melissa Van Hoy	Elaine Klein
Dave Hendrix	Mary Alice Dickherber
Al Bamert	Sue Orlet
Ted Feldewerth	Bob Blackford
Jo-nell Falcon	Louise Fisher
Nancy Hollenstein	David and Mary Karll
Alexander Wilmes	Ken Donaghue
Charlie Grady	Denny and Joan Duvall
Frank Modder	Jerry Schmitz
Denny Steinmeyer	Bobbi Beeson
Tom Miller	Charles and Kathy Duckworth
Mildred Riley	Ed Hoeckelmann
Darryl and Clara Bocking	Carol
Angel Owens	Gerald Hailey
Ted Pivin	Virginia Randolph
Rita Elfrink	Barb Pope
Bob Cova	Bill Ulery
Judy Jacobs' mom	Sally Buck
Rick Cobleigh	Gerald Hailey
Tricia Woods	Judy
Joan Allen	Pat Ryan
Joan Martin	Monsignor Mank
Chris Hanna	Kim F.
Rita Bendel's brother Tom	Sylvia
Michael Candrl and his family	Antonette
Linda Candrl and her family	Imogene Freeman
Jackie Hackett	Steven Albright
Virgil Gildehaus	Jennifer
Alice Molitor	Frances Bussen
Maxine Drinen	Tim
Tom Holstein	Bonnie
Mary Meyer and her family	Yvonne Scott
JoAnn Cwiklowski	Bob Berfanger
Nancy	John Pellerito
Jewel Kostecki	Gerald Bussen
	Bernie Lears
	Kathy

Deadline Switcheroo: Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 29 bulletin will be Thursday, Nov. 19. Anything received after that date will not be published. Please send your article to bulletin@ihm-newmelle.org.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. In a Catholic church, a perpetually lit candle or lamp (usually in red glass) can be found near the

- a) baptismal font
- b) cry room
- c) presidential chair
- d) tabernacle

2. Which of the following was recently added to the IHM parish grounds?

- a) an outdoor water park
- b) an outdoor playground
- c) outdoor batting cages
- d) a coffee bar in Weber Hall

3. Saint Bernadette Soubirous reported apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this town.

- a) Fatima, Portugal
- b) Lourdes, France
- c) Tepeyac, Mexico
- d) Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina

4. "A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast ____" (Psalm 51:12).

- a) love
- b) heart
- c) mind
- d) spirit

5. "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." This brief prayer is known as the

- a) Act of Hope
- b) Memorare
- c) Jesus Prayer
- d) Confiteor

6. How many Commandments begin with "Thou/You shall not?"

- a) 7
- b) 6
- c) 4
- d) 5

7. Following the Rite of Election, catechumens in the RCIA are referred to as

- a) Neophytes
- b) Inquirers
- c) the Elect
- d) Candidates

8. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are referred to as the ____ of Lent.

- a) rigors
- b) vows
- c) disciplines
- d) downers

9. How old was Abram when he answered God's call and left Haran?

- a) 75 years old
- b) 900 years old
- c) 40 years old
- d) 100 years old

10. When Jesus told Satan, "One does not live by bread alone," he was quoting from this Old Testament book.

- a) Genesis
- b) Deuteronomy
- c) Numbers
- d) Exodus

Answers on the next page →

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

November 21

4:00 pm

- EM: Walt & Jan Karase, Ed Etzkorn, Donna Cuddihee, Jan Messig, Ann Zaleuke
- L: Derek Arnzen, Larry Graves
- GB: Kathleen Ditch, Vanita Joerling
- S: Lindsay & Madelyn Bouquet
- U: Joe Spiess, Tom Zaleuke, Stan Nikonowicz, Bryan Potter, Bill Pollihan, **one more please**

November 22

7:30 am

- EM: Rich Molitor, John Fiacco, Jan Kardasz, Bill Key, Mary Hardesty, Kris Jenkins
- L: Peggy Dupree, Chuck Kettler
- GB: Tom & Carol Ostermeyer
- S: Andy & Daniel Vehige
- U: Gary Potter, Walt Reel, Ed Rabbitt, Frank Marquart

November 22

9:30 am

- EM: Bob Leeker, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein, Tom & Laura Holstein, Clara Haas, Terry & Marcia Schneider
- L: Joseph & Hannah Aulbach
- GB: Bob & Irene Caldwell
- S: Liam Grady, Mary Grace Becker, Daniel Mallinckrodt
- U: Jim Blondin, Gary Struckhoff, Stan Kostecki, Curt Eccardt, Charles Hinkle, **one more please**

November 22

11:15 am

- EM: Nancy Ast, Donna Wolff, Pat Foster, Kate Wibbenmeyer, Mary Keune, Sharon Smith
- L: Jim & Theresa Risch
- GB: Chris & Kat Menne
- S: Maggie Molitor, Emma Wibbenmeyer
- U: Glen Taylor, Todd Neihouse, **one more please**

Thanksgiving at IHM

- ◇ The New Melle Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held IHM on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome to pray with us and to attend the reception afterwards in the Grand Hall. Please feel free to bring "finger food" to share.
- ◇ Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held in the church on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am. If ever there was a day to praise God and express our gratitude for all his blessings, this would be it! All are certainly welcome to attend.



New information on Legion of Mary:

Meetings will now take place every Tuesday at St. Gianna Church on highway N in Wentzville. Meetings will begin at 6:45 on Tuesday evenings, following 6:30 benediction. For more information call Nancy at 636-699-6920.



DID YOU KNOW... every member of the Church needs to consciously feel responsibility for promoting vocations, especially since God's voice may be drowned out by "other voices?"

Have you signed up to pray for vocations? The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When it is your turn, Fr. Tom will give you the icon, a candle, and a load of information to ponder. When you return it the next week, another family will take it home and continue praying.

Let's keep it going!



This week we will take one group photo of all ministry groups together for the parish directory. If you are a lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, usher, gift bearer, choir member or cantor, please meet on the steps of the sanctuary this weekend immediately after Mass for a group photo.

Please be there!

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. **d)** "In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 316).
2. **b)** Matthew Hinkle completed this as an Eagle Scout project. It is located behind the church and is open for all.
3. **b)** The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on February 11. Today, Lourdes, France, continues to be one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the world.
4. **d)** Psalm 51 is one of the most loved psalms in the Bible and is a most appropriate prayer in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It appears nearly 20 times in the Lectionary as the responsorial psalm at Mass, including the First Sunday of Lent, Year A.
5. **c)** The words of the Jesus Prayer are based on the words spoken by two blind men to Jesus in Matthew 20:31 as well as the tax collector in Luke 18:13. For many, this prayer is seen as a summation of the Christian faith: We proclaim Jesus by name to be the Son of God and the Anointed One (Christ), we proclaim him Lord of our lives, we proclaim his divinity (Son of God), we proclaim him to be in a position of judgment (have mercy), and we proclaim our own sinfulness in need of salvation (a sinner).
6. **a)** See the "Traditional Catechetical Formula" on pages 496-497 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
7. **c)** The Rite of Election, celebrated with the local bishop at the beginning of the Lenten season, marks the transition from the period of the catechumenate to the period of purification and enlightenment—the final phase before celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
8. **c)** While conversion of heart is an interior matter, Catholics find that exterior practices both express and enhance that interior conversion. These disciplines "express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1434).
9. **a)** Genesis 12:1-4 tells us the story of the call of Abraham to become the father of a great nation.
10. **b)** Deuteronomy 8:3 reminds the people of Israel how God fed them with manna in the desert.

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Thanksgiving Pies

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry in North St. Louis is asking for your assistance again in providing pies for the Thanksgiving Dinners delivered to families in the North St. Louis area. We prepare and serve 2000 dinners to those less fortunate. **The volunteers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pantry will pick up your donated pies one time only from IHM.** We ask that you make non-cream pies (no refrigeration required) and **bring them to the IHM narthex no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, November 26.** Thanks for your generosity.



St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours—and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.)



From the Parish Lighthouse CD Rack: Church Narthex

Leah Darrow's testimony is a powerful example of God's mercy at work. -[Jason Evert](#), founder of Chastity Project

"Leah Darrow was a fashion model in New York City and a reality TV contestant on America's Next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences in the beauty industry. Leah now speaks to tens of thousands of people each year to audiences as diverse as a United Nations panel, the World Trade Center in Manila Philippines, Pro-Life events, and local parishes on five different continents. In this presentation, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion and in Leah's life."



From the Parish Library: Grand Hall

Purgatory is real, but what is it like? Could the Afterlife require suffering? Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead? This groundbreaking documentary investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives. From the award-winning producer of (Ocean of Mercy) this film uncovers new research offering fresh insights unavailable just a generation ago. Now for the first time top scholars scientists, historians, and church leaders revisit age-old questions and embark on a spiritual quest to unlock the controversy and consolation of Purgatory.

Fall Sausage Dinner			
October 11, 2015			
	Income	Expense	Net
Dinners	36,825.50		36,825.50
Sausage	14,587.09		14,587.09
Livers Gizzards	504.00		504.00
Groceries		6,640.30	(6,640.30)
Hogs & Processing		12,510.00	(12,510.00)
	51,916.59	19,150.30	32,766.29
Beer/Wine	2,592.00	1,699.30	892.70
Raffles	9,470.00	3,707.50	5,762.50
Miscellaneous	3,603.86	11,831.00	(8,227.14)
	67,582.45	36,388.10	31,194.35
Proceeds Distributed			
Parish			\$30,000.00
Improvements to equipment, etc.			
			\$30,000.00

From the Marian Council

The *Marian Council* is a parish organization whose membership is made up of all women registered in the Parish. Our mission is to promote the social interaction and spiritual growth of its members by encouraging participation in the devotional and social activities of the parish. We meet in January, March, May, July, September and November on the 2nd Tuesday in Weber Hall at 6:30. Wine and fabulous refreshments are always served. If you can't make the meeting on time, feel free to come in and just take a seat, then enjoy the social hour!

Our activities include:

- ◇ Devotions to Mary
- ◇ Prayer Chain
- ◇ Benediction and Rosary in May
- ◇ Funeral Luncheons
- ◇ Trips and social events
- ◇ December Christmas Party
- ◇ Annual Rummage Sale
- ◇ Weekly cleaning of St. Joseph Chapel
- ◇ Donations to those in need of assistance
- ◇ Donations to support needs of the Parish
- ◇ Raffle of Quilts donated by the Quilters

Please join us, bring a friend and contact a board member if you need a ride and we'll do our best to get you to our meeting!

Michelle Brothers, President

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is once again organizing buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 21- 23, 2016. The cost before Dec. 25 is \$165. For registration contact us at: [314-434-4900](tel:314-434-4900). You can also download our registration form at www.missourilife.org. Registration deadline is Jan. 4, 2016.

Adoption Mass— The annual Adoption Mass will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 10 am at the Cathedral Basilica. The Archbishop will be the celebrant. A reception in Boland Hall will follow. This Mass, sponsored by the Respect Life Apostolate and Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, is a celebration of all whose lives have been affected by adoption, whether directly or indirectly. A special invitation is extended to parents who have made an adoption plan for their child and families who have adopted or who are in the process of adoption. For more information, call 314-792-7555.

The Four Signs at ICD Are you a Dynamic Catholic? On Saturday, November 21, you are invited to The Four Signs event at Immaculate Conception Parish-Dardenne. Discover how to master the Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic in your life and how to help your parish apply the Four Signs in order to engage disengaged Catholics and re-energize your community. Tickets are \$20. For more information and to register, please visit tinyurl.com/four-signs.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

-  **Knights of Columbus meeting**, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 pm. The evening will begin with Mass for deceased members, in the chapel.
-  **Legion of Mary**, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6:45 at St. Gianna church.
-  **Scouting for Food** pick-up will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21.
-  **Baptism class**, Monday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p in Weber Hall for those who have registered with the parish office.
-  **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service** here at IHM, Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm. Please consider bringing finger food for a reception afterwards. PLEASE NOTE: because of this, the children's choir rehearsal will have to be cancelled for the evening.
-  **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will take place in the church at 9:00 am on Thursday, Nov. 26. The office will be closed on Nov. 26 and 27 because of the holiday.
-  **Birtheright Christmas cards** will be sold in the narthex after all the Masses on the weekend of Nov. 28 and 29.
-  **The next POP Meeting** will take place on Monday, Nov. 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Grand Hall.
-  **The Marian Council Christmas Dinner** will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 1 in the Grand Hall at 6:30 pm.
-  **First Friday breakfast** at IHOP in Wentzville — 9:00 am on Dec. 4.

Wanted: Bicycles for local children

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service is looking for bicycle donations for needy children in the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program. Last year, more than 350 bikes were given out at Christmas. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels will refurbish, fix and clean the bikes that are donated. All bikes can be dropped off at the garage located behind the Care Service at 4116 McClay Road in St. Charles. [636-441-1302, ext. 266](tel:636-441-1302).

Job Opening at Regina Cleri, Home for Retired Priests— Seeking a part-time server/dishwasher to work on Tuesday. Duties include: assisting priests, busing tables, washing dishes and maintaining a clean work environment. Hours are on Tuesday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, and from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact Nancy Bryant at nancybryant@archstl.org or download the application at <http://archstl.org/hr/page/forms-0>

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner at St. Ignatius Parish in Concord Hill**, MO on November 26, 2015. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Annual Buffet Style, All You Can Eat! Adults - \$12, Seniors (Age 62+) - \$10, Children 6 to 12 - \$5; 636-932-4445

Just for fun

- **Craft Fair at St. John's UCC** in Cappeln, Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 am to 2 pm. Crafts, collectibles, food and drinks available (chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, homemade soups, dessert and drinks. 636-828-5452
- **Spirit of Christmas Banquet and Dinner Show**; fun, food, performers and musicians from 15 St. Louis area parishes; Dec. 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm and Dec. 6 at 1:00 pm at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights; \$35 per adult. Call 618-409-0015 for ticket information.
- **St. Dominic Annual "GIVE THANKS" 5K Run/Walk** will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at St. Dominic High School. A "GIVE THANKS" FOOD DRIVE will accompany the race. Non-perishable items only. T-Shirts guaranteed for all participants. \$20 Registration Fee. All Proceeds to benefit the Dominican Scholarship fund. **Race Information:** <http://www.fleetfeetstlouis.com/racing/highlighted-races/st-dominic-5k> **Registration:** <https://racesonline.com/events/joe-haug-give-thanks-5k/registration> . Contact Beth Runge – brunge@stdominichs.org 636-240-8303 ext 119 for more information
- **St. Mary Magdalen Parish's (city) Holiday Arts and Craft Fair** will be on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 to 3:00 pm in the former St. Mary Magdalen school building at 4323 S. Kingshighway. Approximately 40 juried crafters will present their hand-crafted items. Quilt raffle, attendance pries, baked goods available and BBQ dinners will be served from 11 am to 3 pm. For more information call Cookie at 314-832-4531.
- **Quilt Social:** St. Robert Bellarmine Ladies Club is having their Quilt Social on Saturday, November 21. The doors open at 10:30 am. Bingo begins at 12:00 pm. 1424 First Capitol Drive South, St. Charles, Mo For more info call Martha - 636-441-4609

Opportunities

- **St. Theodore Annual One Stop Holiday Shopping Event**, Sunday November 15 from 8:30 am -2:00 pm. Enjoy browsing the crafts and the bake sale with a complimentary cup of coffee. There will also be raffles and concessions available. Proceeds to benefit Saint Theodore Parish in Flint Hill.
- **T.U.R.K.E.Y Tournament (Together Uniting Remarkable Kids Each Year)**. This event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Dominic High School Fallon Center (new gym) located in O'Fallon, MO. The purpose is to provide a day full of fun for children with disabilities, ages 4 to 18. RSVP is required for this event. Contact us at 636-614-6312. Sponsored by the Leadership Class at St. Dominic High School.
- **A Morning with Mary, Mother of Priests** (for women) presented by **Fr. Mark Chrismer, Saturday December 12, 2015** at St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville. **Free** . **SCHEDULE:** 8:00 am- parish Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; 8:45 am - Women's conference on Spiritual motherhood for priests, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction, Rosary and other prayers for priests. 10:30 am- Light reception, ending at 11:00 am. Please Register by **December 9-** -- by email to: smfpstl@gmail.com ;-- by phone: call [314-275-0890](tel:314-275-0890)
- **Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics:** Whether you're in the courts now or divorced for many years, you CAN find hope and healing. The **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** is a new 12-week DVD program featuring Catholic experts, and lay men and women on the journey to healing. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception – Dardenne parish is hosting the program beginning January 7, 2016. Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314-276-3859 for more information.
- **Visio Divina**– Join us at Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center, 3522 Utah Street, St. Louis on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and pray Visio Divina. While Lectio Divina is a method of praying with scripture, Visio Divina is a method for praying with images or other media. To register call Sr. Carol at 314-560-1028.
- **Advent Retreats** IL Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center Dittmer, MO is offering 2 different retreats during Advent. "Stations of the Nativity Retreat: Celebrating God in our Midst" December 3 & 5, 2015; Pre-Christmas Franciscan Hermitage Retreat scheduled for December 21 Beginning at 5:30 pm - December 23 Noon. These Retreats provides quality time during the Advent season to be spent in prayer communally and in quiet reflection. Call: 636-274-0554; Email: il.ritiro@gmail.com; website: www.il-ritiro
- **Young Adult Area-wide Prayer Meeting**, Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center. If you have questions, contact Marti Ochs, 314-792-7414 or martiochs@archstl.org.

Mary Queen of Angels, a pro-life organization in O'Fallon that provides diapers, wipes, toiletries, formula, baby equipment, clothing, etc., is in **desperate** need of children's WINTER clothing in sizes 12 months through size 7/8 - we will not have enough outfits in these sizes to provide our moms with winter clothing for their children. Our address is 827 West Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366 Our hours are Tues/Thurs 10a-2p; Wed. 4-7p; Fri/Sat 9a-12p. We can be reached at 636-379-5070 . God bless.